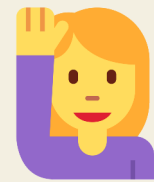




Membership

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Servanthood Sign-Up

Want to do one daily conscious act of servanthood? Would you like to receive a weekly email from Nelle with a Bible verse and servanthood encouragement? Please sign up with Nelle, 912-234-9245 or tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

Next New Member Course

Sign Up Now, Beat the Rush!

Please sign up, 912-232-0191, for the New Member Course, Sundays, October 6 and 13, at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. Class will join on Sunday, October 13. You may also come Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 p.m. for Wednesday night supper.

Missions

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The Work of the Missions Committee



John Wesley considered the whole world his parish. As a church, we strive to be the hands and heart of Christ in a seeking world. The purpose of the Wesley Missions Committee is to effectively direct the funds and labor of the church to enable the witness of our congregation in the community. To that end, The Missions Committee is currently developing a framework for regular review and measurement of Wesley Mission Programs to enhance stewardship and elevate the missions as discipleship opportunities for the entire congregation in local and global communities. A sub-committee facilitated by Peter Roberts has been charged to review the Missions Committee purpose and priorities, and develop measurement, funding and volunteer criteria. The committee will use its evaluation framework in annual dialogue with funded mission programs to ensure that, together, we are meeting the needs of those served by our mission programs. If you have any questions or ideas regarding the mission of the church, contact Scott Cleaveland at msctclv@gmail.com.

- Preschool Chapel**

Mondays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Children learn about Noah and Moses and other amazing Bible characters.



- Young Mothers' Bible Study**

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Bible Buddies for preschool children taught by fabulous teachers, Charli Weeks, Miang Chow, and Carmine Cowart every week.

- Downtown Bible Study**

Thursdays, noon-1:00 p.m., Luke's gospel, Ruth's Chris, 111 West Bay Street. No charge for the meal; please bring a donation for the waiters.



Habitat for Humanity Thrivent

Faith Build, Saturday, October 12

Help us finish the house in Garden City so the family can be in by Christmas.

We are needing volunteers for our last Saturday. No skills are required, with onsite training provided. There is a limit of 12 volunteers per workday. We will meet at the site to work from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with lunch and tools provided. To volunteer, email Scott Cleaveland at msctclv@gmail.com. After emailing, you will receive detailed information for registering with Habitat.

Picnic with a Purpose

Thursday, October 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; please bring items for homeless veterans who will occupy Tiny Houses, such as first-aid kits and flashlights with batteries. We also are seeking donors to give \$800 each for the construction of Tiny Houses. (checks payable to Wesley earmarked "Tiny Houses") Questions? See Nelle, tbordeaux@prodigy.net or Nick Hitt.



United Methodist Committee on Relief & Hurricane Dorian

Aldersgate, St. James, and St. Andrews are the three Methodist Churches of the Abacos in the Bahamas. The rebuilding after hurricane Dorian will be a long-term process. As a missions committee, we will be looking for the most effective means of giving assistance over the months ahead.



Missions Cont.

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Mission Prayer Calendar: Please cut out this calendar and put it beside your Bible, so that you can pray daily for these Mission efforts.

October

Mission Prayer Calendar

1 <p>"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." -2 Corinthians 12:9</p> <p>Please pray for Urban Hope children, teachers, student leaders, and board chair, Doug Carroll.</p>	2 <p>"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters." -Colossians 3:23</p> <p>Please pray for Tiny House volunteers, homeless veterans, and leader, Nick Hitt.</p>
3-10 <p>"As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children." -1 Thessalonians 2:11</p> <p>Please pray for Tapachula, Mexico mission trip volunteers Sharlene and Pat Monahan and Mission Committee chairman Scott Cleaveland as the three of them serve in the orphanage.</p>	11 <p>"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it." -Psalm 127:1</p> <p>Please pray for Habitat for Humanity construction volunteers who will serve tomorrow at the Garden City site.</p>
12-13 <p>"Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways." -Psalm 128:1</p> <p>Please pray for Zambian men's choir guests and their overnight hosts; they will sing in worship on October 13; pray also for their families in Zambia.</p>	14-18 <p>"Jesus said to him, 'Tend My sheep.' -John 21:16b</p> <p>Please pray for Greenbriar, celebrating its 70th anniversary next month, and board chair, Melissa Emery</p>
19-21 <p>"He has saved Daniel from the power of the lions." -Daniel 6:27b</p> <p>Please pray for Family Promise homeless families, board, and volunteers.</p>	22-25 <p>"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last He will stand upon the earth." -Job 19:25</p> <p>Please pray for unchurched Eli's Place families to come to know Jesus as Lord and to come to church.</p>
26-27 <p>"But God raised Him up," -Acts 2:24a</p> <p>Please pray for the homeless whom we serve with breakfast and prayers on October 26. Please pray for Fall Festival on October 27, especially for those who attend who do not yet believe in Him.</p>	28-31 <p>"We are workers with you for your joy." -2 Corinthians 1:24b</p> <p>Please pray for refugees to see Christ's light in us. Please pray for Union Mission and its work to serve the neediest, and for its volunteers, including vice- chairman of the board, Pat Monahan.</p>



Tapachula Mexico Mission Trip

Please keep Sharlene and Pat Monahan, and Scott Cleaveland in your prayers as they serve at the orphanage in Tapachula the week of October 3-10. You can follow along on Instagram and Facebook @wesleymonumental. A trip to Honduras is being planned for 2020, with information to come soon.

Greenbriar 70th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, November 2, 6:00 p.m., Marriott Riverfront (100 General McIntosh Blvd.) Cost: \$125 per ticket / \$1,500 per table of 10. Join Greenbriar for this black tie event and help celebrate 70 years of nurturing children and strengthening families. Wesley's own Melissa Emery chairs the board.

October At-A-Glance

Please refer to "This Week at Wesley" in the Sunday Order of Worship, or visit our website for a detailed list of worship times, additional events, and information.

Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) Schedule 4:45 Call to Prayer, SNC 5:00 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, OH 405 5:30 Supper, FH 6:00 Joyful Noise, EB Rms 202, 203, 205 6:00 Children's Choirs, EB Rms 303, 304, 305 6:00 Youth Girls' Bible Study, EB 4th Flr 6:00 Youth Guys' Bible Study, EB 4th Flr 6:00 Long Story Short Bible Study, FH 6:00 Every Good Endeavor Book Study, OH 205 7:15 Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr *WNS times and events are subject to change.	Wednesday, October 9 See WNS Schedule Thursday, October 10 9:30 Sewing Class, OH 310 Saturday, October 12 8:30 Habitat Faith Build, Garden City Sunday, October 13 Zambia Men's Choir Sings 10:00 New Member Class 4:00 Youth Choir, EB 4th Floor 5:00 Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr Monday, October 14 11:00 Merry Makers Program, OH Pergola Tuesday, October 15 2:00 Prayer Partners, OH 308 5:30 Finance Comm. Mtg., OH 310 6:00 Pacesetters, FH Wednesday, October 16 See WNS Schedule 6:00 Susanna Wesley Mtg, OH 207 Thursday, October 17 6:00 UMM Dinner Mtg, FH	Sunday, October 20 3:00 Charge Conf., White Bluff UMC 4:00 Youth Choir, EB 4th Floor 5:00 Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr Monday, October 21 2:00 Courtney Gaines Circle, Home of Jeanette Cason Tuesday, October 22 2:00 Care & Share, OH 310 Wednesday, October 23 10:30 Jane Shirah Circle, WG See WNS Schedule Thursday, October 24 9:30 Sewing Class, OH 310 10:00 Messenger Brigade, OH 205 3:30 Picnic with a Purpose, FH Sunday, October 27 Fall Festival, WG Monday, October 28 2:00 Joy Circle Mtg. Wednesday, October 30 See WNS Schedule
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EB = Education Building OH = Oliver Hall FH = Fellowship Hall SNC = Sanctuary WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center



UMM

October Dinner Meeting


Wesley's United Methodist Men will meet Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Prayer Committee

Call to Prayer


Everyone is invited to join the Prayer Committee and Rev. Martin each Wednesday afternoon from 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for a time of prayer. The committee members pray for the church, staff, and needs of the congregation.



Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries
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Over the weekend of August 23-25, the youth group held our Fall Retreat at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. These retreats have become an annual tradition for us. The weather cleared up enough for us to do some tubing in the river on Saturday afternoon. We also enjoyed games, team competitions, and silly skits. We even had a bonfire and s'mores complete with ghost stories! At the retreat, we learned about how we, as Christians, see the world through the lens of Scripture. The teachings, stories, and histories of the Bible are like a kind of lens through which we can see the events of our lives and the world as a whole. We practiced mapping the stories of Scriptures onto contemporary situations. In this way, the Bible becomes "alive and active" for us (Heb 4:12).



Fall Youth Group Schedule

It's September, which means Sunday night youth group is back at Wesley Monumental from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We start with dinner at 5:00 p.m., then enjoy games and Bible study afterwards. Youth Choir will regularly practice from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We have also resumed Wednesday night programs. There will be youth Bible studies for all ages (6th - 12th grades) for girls and guys.



Children's Ministry

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Fall is the perfect time to begin bringing your child to some of the many opportunities we have for them at Wesley Monumental.



Sunday School

Teachers are ready to welcome your child at 9:45 a.m. and our lessons begin at 10:00 a.m. This year in all of our classes we are using a multi-sensory approach to teaching the lesson so that the children are able to see, hear, and touch the pieces of the Bible lesson being taught. They have the opportunity to make something that relates to the Bible lesson and includes the Bible verse for the morning.



Our preschool classes are using lessons from "Following Jesus" and our elementary classes are hearing lessons about the heroes and heroines of the Old Testament. Our nursery children, who are younger than three years old, are hearing lessons about the creation of the world.

Children's Worship

(following the Children's Sermon at both the 8:45 and the 11:00 services) Each week we have a Bible lesson using the same scripture passage the adults hear in the Sanctuary. We also have an activity to help us remember the lesson.

Children's Choirs

For children from three years old through Kindergarten, the Joyful Noise choir meets on Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The children rotate through three learning stations: Singing, Instruments, and Music Theory. If the weather is nice, we take the children to the playground at the end of choir.



For children in 1st thru 5th grade, Ms. Monica and an amazing group of volunteers teach the children the Royal School of Church Music curriculum and how to play tone chimes. The children learn music is a way to praise and thank God and they learn how to lead others in worship. These children also meet on Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper

Ms. Susanna prepares a delicious meal each week with special options for the children. Children younger than 1st grade are welcome in the nursery and children from 1st to 5th grade have a special table set up for them in the Fellowship Hall.



Fall Festival

Be sure to join us on Sunday, October 27 at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center. Lots of fun things are planned for toddlers to teenagers! The festival is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We'll have crafts, games, bouncy houses, a giant slide, and food! It's a great opportunity for the children to wear their costumes one more time. Everyone is welcome.



elf's Place

We were so excited to finally begin our school year on September 9! All of the children are settling into their new classrooms and new routines. We have begun using our new nursery room for our babies and now have a classroom for toddlers. We are looking forward to a visit from Johnny Appleseed the last week of September.





From Ben's Desk

Ben Martin, Senior Pastor
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"THE WORLD IS MY PARISH"

One of John Wesley's famous sayings, the symbol for which is found in our stained glass in the front of the church and on the center kneeler in front of the communion table, is "the world is my parish." Wesley, and the Methodist movement he inspired and organized, took seriously Jesus' call to "make disciples of all nations." We now live in a world that is "smaller" than ever. Electronic media and communication brings the whole world into our hands. It should remind us of our responsibility as followers of Jesus to look beyond our own doors, city, or even country for opportunities to live and share the good news of Jesus.

This month, several members of Wesley will be working on a mission team in children's homes in Tapachula, Mexico. Thank you for your financial and prayerful support of them. On October 13, the world will come to us in the form of the "Voices of Zambia" Choir. Some of you may remember them from a couple of years ago. They are a small group of men from the African nation of Zambia who travel, sing, and share their testimony to raise support for ministry at home. They will be singing in both services and speaking in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday school. October is also the month for "World Communion Sunday." When we gather at the table we are reminded that we are one church of Jesus Christ across the globe, united by what He did for us all on the cross. Many of you have also participated in our ministry to refugee families who have come to our community to find life with hope. While the world gets "smaller," we find ourselves tempted to shrink back into our own corners, but followers of Jesus will always be challenged by him to "be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."

While "the world is our parish," our parish does begin here and move outward. Each year during the month of October, we turn our attention in the church to issues of stewardship. It is the time we begin preparing for the coming year. We are recruiting a new Leadership Team, planning a new church budget, and creating a new church calendar of ministry. Each of these requires the stewardship of talent, money, and time. Responsible stewardship requires prayerful and thoughtful planning and commitment. It asks us to prioritize our lives in order to make the best use of our scarce resources. Stewardship asks us to think about the future and Christian stewardship is not just next week or month or year, but to think eternally. For "the world to be our parish" we must begin with supporting the work of our church in making disciples of Jesus. It is hard to overestimate the impact of each person's gift of time, talent, and resources in making our church an instrument of grace in our lives, city, and world. Thank you for your willingness to give generously of yourselves in the name of Jesus.



Congregational Life

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Merry Makers

Willkommen zum oktoberfest! (Welcome to Oktoberfest!) We are excited to host a member of the Savannah Teutonic Council who will share with us about the German influence on Savannah history. We will then enjoy grilled bratwursts and German side dishes on the Pergola of Oliver Hall (weather permitting) complements of Suzanna and Jimmy.



Monday, October 14
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Pergola of Oliver Hall
Lunch \$7

Attention Adult Sunday School Classes

On October 13, a special men's choir from Zambia, Africa will be providing our morning worship music for both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. During the Sunday school hour, we are asking the adult Sunday school classes to join us in the Fellowship Hall to hear these men share about their lives and callings to offer their music to the world. Please mark your calendars for this special event! Thank you! - Wesley Church Staff



Save the Date - November 9, 2019 Wesley Monumental Christmas Bazaar

If you would like to sell items (ie. home-made crafts, baked goods, etc.), please contact Jennifer Thompson by phone or email. This year 10% of the money earned by each vendor will be donated to our Habitat build.



Music

Monica Dekle, Director of Music & Organist
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GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL'S

MESSIAH



Tina Williams,
soprano



Claire Watts,
mezzo-soprano



Timothy Miller,
tenor



Robert Cantrell,
bass

Saturday, December 14, 2019 7:30 P.M.

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
Calhoun Square 429 Abercorn Street Savannah, Georgia

Wesley Monumental Choir with Orchestra
Dr. Monica Dekle, conductor



Part One: Prophecy of the Coming of a Messiah and Christ's Nativity
Part Two: Christ's Suffering, Death, and Resurrection
Part Three: Affirmation of Christian Faith and Glimpses of Revelation

Tickets: www.MessiahSavannah.eventbrite.com
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\$35 tax-deductible donation \$15 students with ID



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Life at Wesley



Tiny House construction volunteers, all 42 of them with guests, attended a special celebration supper on August 29th. Each volunteer was given a certificate, and Marilyn Hitt, wife of our fearless construction leader, Nick Hitt, received a dozen red roses in gratitude.

During Family Promise week, the families enjoyed homemade dinners prepared by Wesley members, and each child and adult received a colorful pillowcase sewn by a member of Wesley, Pat Killewald. Special thanks to all of our volunteers!



Wesley attendee and sculptor, Susie Chisholm speaks during the Merry Makers September Program.



Children (right) exploring their new classroom during Eli's Place Open House.



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Joyful Noise Choir



Join the fun
on
Wednesdays!



First night of Children's Choir with the Children singing the hymn "God Will Take Care of You."